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YVES LALAUT, NEW PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTOR

56-year-old Yves Lalaut, a Government Public Works Divisional Engineer and PhD in Sedimentology, was appointed as Planning and Environment Director of Dunkerque-Port on 1 December 2012.

He takes over from Stéphane Raison who becomes the new head of Grand Port Maritime de La Réunion, a position filled on a temporary basis since April 2012 by the present Deputy Planning and Environment Director Xavier Dairaine.

Since June 2010 Yves Lalaut has been Deputy Regional Director of the Nord-Pas de Calais Regional Department for the Environment, Development and Housing (DREAL). Before that, from 2007 to 2010, he was Ports Director for the Nord-Pas de Calais Region.

At Dunkerque-Port he will lead a team of 40 people in five departments, and work transversely with the Port's other divisions on all aspects of planning and the environment, the Port's rail network and major projects.

France's third-ranking port, Dunkirk is well known as a port handling heavy bulk cargoes for its numerous industrial installations. It has also built its reputation in other sectors such as cross-Channel RORO traffic to Great Britain, containers, fruits, etc. Classified as the seventh port of the North Europe Range which extends from Le Havre to Hamburg, Dunkirk is also the leading French port for ore and coal imports, France's leading port for containerised fruit imports, and the country's second-ranking port for trade with Great Britain.